

Remarks

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesy extended during the interview of April 8, 2003. Although not necessitated by the art rejections at hand, during the interview we discussed adding the same structural limitations that were added in the response to the Office Action of the continuation-in-part application, serial no. 10/076,662. Accordingly, each of the independent claims has been amended to include the structural limitation of including a flexible film substrate or that the article is retroreflective sheeting. A timely allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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